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The role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1]

Recalling its resolutions 69/168 of 18 December 2014, 65/207 of 21 December 2010 and 67/163 of 20 December 2012 on the role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General,[2] in which he refers the General Assembly to his report on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights submitted to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-third session, in September 2016;[3]

2. *Recalls* the regrets expressed in resolution 69/168 that no specific report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/163 had been prepared;

3. *Regrets* that, once again, the Secretariat did not provide a specific report on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions on the role of the Ombudsman, mediator and other national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights, despite the request in resolution 69/168;

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).
[2] A/71/253.
[3] A/HRC/33/33.

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4. *Expresses deep concern* about the practice of submitting notes referring to reports of the Human Rights Council that do not fully correspond to the specific requests by the General Assembly in its resolutions;

5. *Recalls*, in this regard, the functional and structural differences between national human rights institutions, on the one hand, and the Ombudsman and mediator institutions, on the other;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-second session a specific and separate report dedicated solely to the implementation of resolution 69/168;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to place particular focus in his report on the obstacles encountered by States in implementing resolution 69/168, as well as on best practices regarding the work and functioning of the Ombudsman and mediator institutions, and to formulate recommendations in his report on how to strengthen these institutions where they exist or how to create new ones.